

OUR PRESIDENTS

A Curious Summary.

"Father Washington left us united and
 free,
 And John Adams repelled French aggres-
 sions at sea.
 Boundless Louisiana was Jefferson's crown,
 And when Madison's warships won lasting
 renown
 And the steamboat was launched, then Mon-
 roe gave the world
 His new doctrine; and Quincy (Adams) his
 banner unfurled
 For protection; now Jackson with railways
 and spoils,
 Left Van Buren huge bankruptcies, panics
 and broils.
 Losing Harrison, Tyler by telegraph
 spoke,
 And the Mexican War brought accessions
 for Polk.
 Taylor lived not to wear the reward of am-
 bition,
 And Fillmore's sad slave law stirred up
 abolition.
 So, compromise failing, Pierce witnessed
 the throes
 Of the struggle in Kansas. Secession arose
 With the halting Buchanan, but Lincoln
 was sent
 To extinguish rebellion. Next some years
 were spent
 Reconstructing by Johnson. Grant lessen-
 ed our debt;
 Hayes resumed specie payments, and Gar-
 field was set
 On reform, which, as Arthur soon found,
 came to stay.
 Cleveland raised the gold standard, and
 Harrison's sway
 Raised the tariff. McKinley's redemptionist
 call
 Won Free Cuba expansion and Roosevelt's
 canal,
 And now President Taft enters beaming on
 all."

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